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1. Four of the six 2,000-ton colliers scheduled for construction since the war have now been completed. They are:

a. S/S SOLDEK

b. S/S JEDNOSC ROBOTNICZA

c. S/S BRYGADA MAKOWSKIEGO, which had her maiden voyage

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d. S/S TOWARZYSZ ISTRONSKI,

2. The M/S MARCHLEWSKI, one of the eight planned LEVANT class 2,000-ton cargo motor ships, has been completed; she sailed on her maiden voyage in the Adriatic. The M/S ELBLAG, the second ship, is expected to be ready when the charter of the Dutch motor coaster RIJNHAVEN, which is operating at present on the Gdynia-Rotterdam-Antwerp line, will expire.

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3. At Gdansk a new hull is being built for the former German ship BOLKOBURG, which has about 6,000 tons deadweight and is now named Warsaw II. This vessel, which was sunk near Fehmarn and subsequently salvaged, was claimed for reparations by the Polish Shipping Mission in Hamburg and sent to Poland. A sister ship with a similar hull but different engines is now being built in the United Shipyards at Gdansk. Both ships are intended for the Levantine Line.

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4. Two motor coasters of about 400 gross registered tons are now under construction at either Gdynia or Gdansk.

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5. It is expected that the vessel launched at Blyth will be named RUS and that she will run on the service with the CZECH and the LUBLIN; the latter vessel has recently been overhauled at Antwerp.

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6. The former [] M/S GLADYS DAN, 4,467 gross registered tons, []
[] has been renamed the M/S
"WICKIE"ICZ [] 50X1-HUM
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7. The Gdynia-America Line, through its local agents, is investigating the possibility of routing the BATORY through the Kiel Canal and landing passengers at Holtenau [] 50X1-HUM
8. The HENRIK IDSEN, 4,671 gross registered tons [] and
the POLYANA, 4,271 gross registered tons, of Kristiansund were chartered
[] to carry iron ore [] to Polish ports. 50X1-HUM
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9. The Polish tug ZUBR, 86 net registered tons and under Soviet charter, sailed from Gdynia to Antwerp via Warnemunde in company with the Soviet tug ALPION, 314 net registered tons [] The 50X1-HUM
vessels did not pass through the Kiel Canal.
10. On behalf of the Polish government, Frantelli Consulich of Genoa have 50X1-HUM
chartered the [] ship S/S PROTEA, 7,300 gross registered tons,
to make five return trips between Polish ports [] carrying 1,060 50X1-HUM
civilians on each trip.
11. The Levantine Line has now been extended into the Black Sea. []
the OLSZTYN discharged at Hamburg 5,000 tons of wheat [] the
MOSKA MOJA, which discharged a similar cargo [] had also 50X1-HUM
called at Odessa, where she loaded 10 tons of caviar for Poland. Some of
her officers remarked on the very low standard of living in Odessa and
stated that the captain had been asked by the ship's agent there to invite
him to a meal at the only hotel where food is available to foreigners.

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